(b) The amount of arreasr were as given below:—

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Exempted Establishments	Unexempted Establishments.
1986-87	98.51	71.97
1987-88	111.43	78.74

(c) No, Sir.

Support Price of Sugarcane

325. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the support prices of high-yielding variety, as also of general variety of sugarcane for the year 1988-89 are higher in Uttar Pradesh as compared to Haryana; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to instruct the Haryana Government to raise the sugarcane price to *the level of Uttar Pradesh*?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane payable by sugar factories. The price fixed by the Central Government is uniform throughout the conutry. For 1988-89, the Central Government have announced a price of Rs. 19.00 per quintal linked to a recovery of 8.5 per cent. Different State Governments also announce priecs of sugarcane payable by sugar factories, based on local conditions, although these State Advised Prices do not have any statutory backing. The Central Government has not yet received any offical confirmation about State Advised Prices for the 1988-89 sugar season from concerned State Governments. The Central Government does not instruct State Governments about the level of State Advised Prices.

Increase in the prices of levy sugar, Edible Oil and Rice

326. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the prices of levy sugar, edible oil, wheat, and rice; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The prices of levy suger applicable to the production of the sugar year 1988-89 and the Central issue prices of rice based on the letest paddy procurement prices have not yet been determined. Presently, there is no proposal to increase the issue prices of improrted edible oils or to increase, during the current rabi marketing year, the central issue price of wheat for the public distribution systems.

Viewers preference survey in Andhra Andhra Pradesh

327. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan have recently conducted any viewers preference survey in several places in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A field survey with a sample of 900 respondents conducted in July, 1988 at Karimnagar, Cuddapah and Kakinada LPT Centres in Andhra Pradesh revealed that feature films based programmes are the most preferred items followed by Telugu news, sports, sponsored serials, national bulletins, Sumanjali and dance| music items.

328. [*Transferred to the 14th November, 1988*].

Supply of Maize and other cereals by UAFED

329. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NAFED has supplied and is supplying maize and other cereals to subsidiary of a multinational company for manufacture of poultry and cattle feed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof specifying the procurement prices paid for such commodities and the prices realised by NAFED?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) NAFED suplied 2,600 tonnes of maize out of its commercial imports to M|s. Lipton India, Bangalore in July/August, 1988 at the rate of Rs. 2,300 PMT. ex-Madras and Kandla ports/godowns. The said stock was imported at US $ 123 PMT. C&F Free Out Indian ports and the total cost after taking into account other related expenses like Insurance charges, clearing and forwarding expenses packaging transportation, storage etc. worked out to NAFED at Rs. 2166.77 PMT.

Proposal for fishing harbour at Honnavar in Karnataka

330. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have submitted a proposal to the Government of India seeking administrative approval for the construction of Fishing Harbour at Honnavar, in the State;

(b) if so, the reasosn for the delay in giving the approval; and

(c) the financial assistance likely to be sanctioned by the Government of India for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The fishing Harbour project at Honnavar was approved by the Government of India in June, 1973 at an estimated cost of Rs. 45.98 lakhs. The entire sanctioned cost of the project was also released to the Government of Karnataka. The harbour project was inaugurated on the 24th January, 1985.

Declaration of Mandals as defined area in place of taluka under crop Insurance Scheme in Karnataka

331. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have submitted a proposal to the Government of India, to declare the mandal as defined area in place of taluka, for the purpose of Crop Insurance Scheme and making non-loanee farmers eligible for the scheme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in approval of the Scheme; and